

### **Outline of Today's Presentation**

- Contract for Project I
  - Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
  - St. Francis Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Intersection Improvement Project
- Contract for Project II
  - Safe Routes to School Program
  - Safe Routes to School Intersection Improvement Project
- Implementation Experience
- Recommendations

# Neighborhood Traffic Management Program - Background

- 1990's SPEEDING public requests relief from speeding on residential streets
- 1998 Circulation Element, Chapter 12
- 2000 Council Goal
- 2001 Citywide Steering Committee developed program procedures
- November 2001 Council Action
  - Adopt draft NTMP
  - Commence pilot project in St. Francis Area

# Other Community's Experience Similar to Santa Barbara



Other communities' experiences

Speed a problem

Traffic Calming is requested, but controversial

Participation of Fire Department is vital

Hollywood, Florida

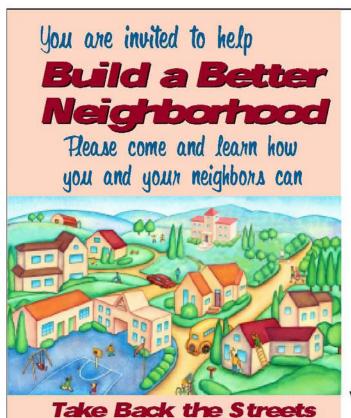
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### **Pre NTMP Traffic Calming Measures**

- Speed Humps were the primarily tool used to addressing neighborhood speeding.
- Stop Signs are not an effective traffic calming device
  - Numerous studies show that unwarranted stop signs increase vehicular speeds between stop signs.
  - Stop signs only affect speed within 150 feet of the sign.
- Most people given the choice would prefer to slow down not stop at an intersection
- Fire Department prefers the City not use speed humps
  - Especially on primary response routes

## Strategy for Program Adoption

- Staff Training
- Interdepartmental collaboration on Steering Committee drafting program:
  - Fire, Police, Community Development staff
  - TCC, PC and Council members
- Draft program adopted and implemented as pilot project (As per Circulation Element)
- Revise program based on experience and adopt final version in future



#### Please Attend Your Neighborhood Meeting

Learn How You Can Improve Your Neighborhood Through The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

> Thursday, March 28, 2002 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

#### St. Francis Medical Center Auditorium

601 E. Micheltorena Street, Santa Barbara

For more information call: 564-5544 Para màs información: 564-5385 email: NTMP@ci.santa-barbara.ca.us.

www.ci.santa-barbara.ca.us/departments/public\_works/transportation/alternative/dntmp

### St. Francis NTMP Program

#### Two Step Process:

- Before Traffic Calming
  - Analysis and identification of issues
  - Education, Enforcement, and Encouragement
- Traffic Calming
  - Area wide approach to implementing program objectives
  - Engineering

### **Before Traffic Calming Phase**

- Neighborhood driven process
- Issue identification by residents
- Evolved through community process
- Active participation by various City
   Department staff representatives
- Education, encouragement and enforcement



### The Pace Car Pledge



#### Take Back the Streets Neighborhood Traffic Wanagement Program

City of Santa Barbara Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

#### MY PACE CAR PLEDGE

Recognizing that my car use impacts the livability of other residents' streets, just as theirs impacts mine:

- I will consistently drive within the speed limit and come to complete stops at stop signs
- 2. I will park legally
- 3. I will show courtesy to pedestrians and respect their safety
- 4. I will note and report violations and problems
- 5. I will learn to minimize my own car use

I will share this pledge, and the idea of taking actions to make our neighborhood a better place, with my neighbors

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The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

> City of Santa Barbara Transportation Planning Division

### **Before Traffic Calming Summary**

- 6 neighborhood meetings
- Attended by 130 different residents
- 8 newsletters to 2000 residents
- Monthly updates to Transportation and Circulation Committee (TCC)

#### Results:

Neighborhood wanted to pursue Traffic Calming devices

### **Traffic Calming Phase**

- Evolved through community request
  - Residents felt that the before traffic calming not getting results
- Area wide approach to implementing program objectives
  - Slow traffic
  - Minimal diversion
- Engineering solutions

# **Traffic Calming Toolbox**

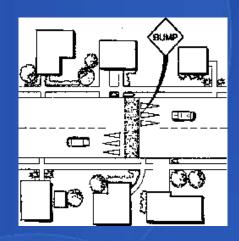


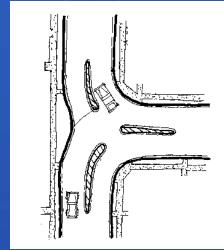


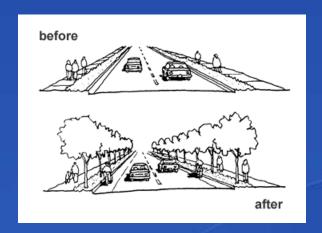


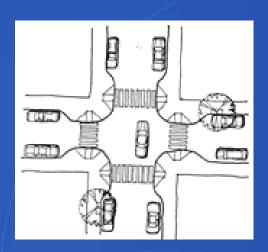


# **Traffic Calming Toolbox**









### **Invitation to Traffic Calming Charrette**

#### What is the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program?

The intent of the City's program is to get the neighborhood together to identify solutions to transportation issues as they affect our quality of life. We have been working on a Pilot Project of this program with residents living near St. Francis Hospital.

# Traffic Calming Charrette Please Join Us March 14 - 16, 2003

March 14, 6:30 to 8:00 pm St. Francis Hospital 601 E. Micheltorena St.

March 15,8 am to 11 am Roosevelt School Auditorium 1991 Laguna St. and field

March 16, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm St. Francis Hospital 601 E. Micheltorena St.

#### Invite a Neighbor!

The process will be most successful if there is strong neighborhood leadership and a high level of involvement. Because traffic problems on one street are

#### What has the Program Accomplished so far?

- 7 meetings that helped identify and prioritize more than 300 calls for service based on surveys and the input of 150 local residents
- Effective and well received outreach materials that can be used in any neighborhood



#### What's Happening Now?

With the Before Traffic Calming components of the St. Francis Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Pilot Project complete, City staff is looking forward to working with you to finalize the Neighborhood Plan in a weekend long traffic calming charrette.

Recently, Dan Burden, Executive Director of Walkable Communities, conducted a traffic calming and walkable communities workshop for City Staff. He will return March 14-16 to assist your neighborhood to develop your Neighborhood Area Mobility Plan, which will include not only ongoing efforts at communicating



the impact of speeding on our quality of life, but also a long term plan for physical improvements to the neighborhood.

During the meetings, you will receive training to pick the right traffic calming tools and work out any concerns. Since this is the first neighborhood program, staff, the consultant, and elected leaders want this to be a great

### St. Francis Traffic Calming Process

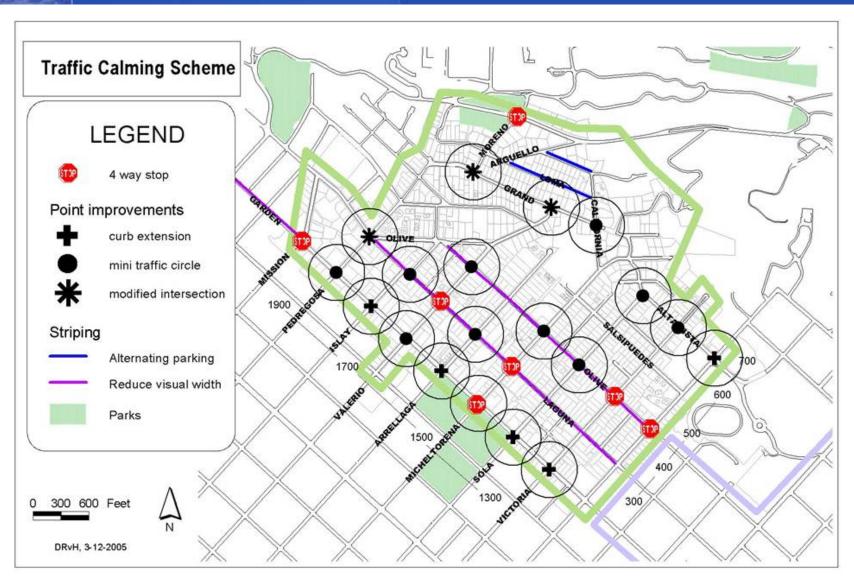
- 3 day traffic calming workshop and design charrette, including neighborhood walk
- 50 residents in attendance
- Neighbors developed St Francis
   Neighborhood Mobility Plan
- 25 charrette participants ratified Traffic
   Calming plan with prioritized improvements

### **Police and Fire**

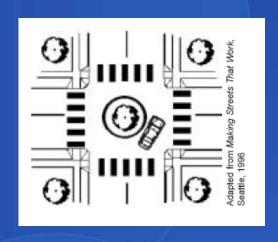
- Participation
  - Program adoption
  - Plan development
  - Plan adoption
  - Plan implementation and design

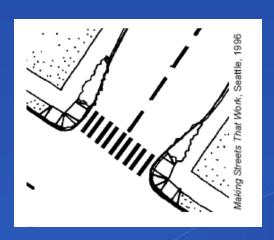


## St Francis Area Mobility Plan



### **Mobility Plan Elements**





- Mini Traffic Circles
- Curb Extensions and Median Islands
- Restriping
- Intersection Modifications

### Why not use stop signs?

- MUTCD Section 2B.05 Stop signs should not be used for speed control
- Numerous studies show that unwarranted stop signs increase vehicular speeds between stop signs.
- Stop signs only affect speed within 150 feet of the sign.
- Unwarranted stop signs encourage rolling stops.
- Studies show that excessive or unwarranted use of Stop Signs breeds disrespect for stop control signs and other traffic control devices.

### **Mini Traffic Circles**

- Reduce speeds
- Increase driver attentiveness, increases safety for pedestrians and bicyclist
- Reduces noise (vs. stop signs)
- Clear assignment of right of way
- Reduces delay (vs. stop signs)

### **Mini Traffic Circles**



## **Curb Extensions (Bulbouts)**

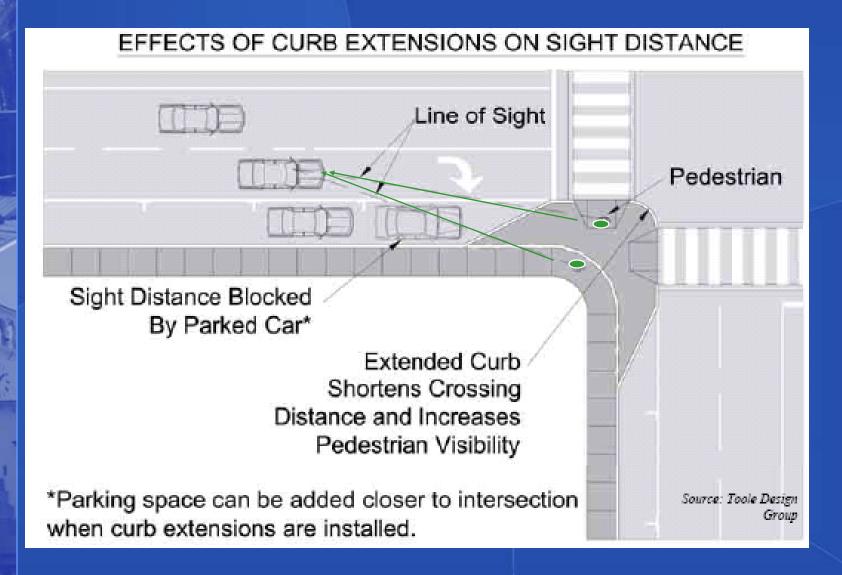
- Reduce crossing distance for pedestrians, and minimize exposure
- Correct lane positioning for bicycles and vehicles is not affected
- Extend less than dimension of parked car

# **Curb Extensions (Bulbouts)**





### **Curb Extensions (Bulbouts)**





#### **Newsletters**

#### We need help collecting signatures!

Your neighbors have developed a cost effective plan to reclaim your streets from speeding traffic and improve your quality of life. Please call 897-2509 if you would like a full size plan delivered to your home, or you would like to sign or collect signatures for the petition. Strong neighborhood support is crucial to the success of the plan. With 65% support for the conceptual plan from the property owners, we can move on to address any concerns you have about particular design details. If you think generally it is a good idea, but you have specific concerns, please sign the petition and indicate that you would like to be a friend to the Technical Committee to make the plan even better. Finally, if you are a renter, you can help by indicating your support for this plan to your landlord.

#### Lower Riviera/Upper East Traffic Calming Plan

#### Concerns

Residents are concerned with (1) Overall safety and beauty, (2) Slower speeds, (3) Noise, (4) Motorists not yielding to pedestrians, (5) Speeding on: Garden, Alta Vists, Grand, Loma, Oramas, California, Olive and Pedregosa, (6) Pedestrian crossings on Garden, (7) Intersections of Alta Vists at Sols, Valerio at Laguna, Olive at Valerio, California at Grand, Pedregosa at Olive, Victoria at Olive, Arrellaga at Olive, and Arrellaga at Laguna. (8) Residents do not want to delay emergency responders. They also seek to retain the area's beauty and historic features, and improve conditions for a village style life, walking, bicycling and using transit.







Police cannot solve all problems. Planning and engineering must control 85% of behavior. Police can be called in to ticket those few motorists that still do not get the message. Safe driving enforcement is a part nershin with good engineering.



Healthy streets require appropriate travel speeds and increased motorist awareness of other roadway users, such as pedestrians and bicyclists. Traffic calming creates a level playing field for all modes of travel and improves the quality of life within the neighborhood. Most importantly, traffic calming requires residents to take ownership of their community and to work together to create a safe environment.

#### ng on?

2003, with the assistance of staff from the Police, Community Develpartments, the Public Works Department hosted residents at a traffic cilitated by Dan Burden, Executive Director, of Walkable Communir serves to let you know the results of the Traffic Calming Charrette.

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present a desire by residents to slow speeds on their streets, reduce to be pedestrian access, and protect private property. Transportation ould also like to consider improvements to address high collision rates una Streets and Micheltorena at Laguna Streets.

orking with Technical Committee members from the neighborhood. In be adopted by the neighborhood, residents have been asked to roperty owners. An approval rating of 65% will constitute acceptance

of the plan, and make the plan eligible for adoption by the Council. Following Council adoption, it is anticipated that several of the features of the plan will be designed and constructed, utilizing the existing traffic calming budget of \$300,000. Other features would be developed as funding is available in balance with other neighborhoods.

Your neighbors created a plan to address concerns about speeding and requests for more walkable streets!





#### Talk to your Neighbors!

During the month of May, residents will be canvassing the proposed project area to get approval from property owners. If you are a nonresident property owner, you may indicate your support by signing here:

and returning the bottom of this mailer to Dru van Hengel at P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102 or email address on the other side. With approval of 65% of the neighborhood we can begin to construct improvements to return a sense of neighborhood to your streets.



### **Newsletters**

#### We haven't heard from you!

On March 14 to 16, 2003, with the assistance of staff from the Police, Community Development and Fire Departments, the Public Works Department hosted residents at a traffic calming charrette, facilitated by Dan Burden, Executive Director of Walkable Communities.



Your neighbors created a plan to address concerns about speeding and requests for more walkable streets!

The purpose of this three-day, community-based planning workshop was to have the neighborhood design a traffic calming plan to address the remaining traffic issues in the neighborhood roughly bounded by Alameda Padre Serra, Anapamu, Garden, and Mission Streets. Building on the knowledge of the work done during the previous year, residents attending the meetings were careful to represent all known concerns and issues of this area, around the former St. Francis Hospital.

As described in a previous mailing to you, at the conclusion of the workshop, a traffic calming plan was ratified by forty representatives of the Lower Riviera/Upper East Neighborhood. At this meeting, residents also prioritized the proposed improvements based on an understanding that it may not be possible to construct them all at once. Traffic calming improvements were proposed and prioritized for the following locations: Garden

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#### **BUSINESS REPLY** FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 2182 SANTA

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MOBILITY COORDINATOR THE NEIGHBOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMEN' PO BOX 1900 SANTA BARBARA CA 93102-9960

summarized at right. With 65% support for the conceptual plan from the property owners, we can move on to address any concerns you have about particular design details. If you think generally it is a good idea, but you have specific concerns, please sign the petition and indicate that you would like to be a friend to the Technical Committee to make the plan even better. If you are a renter, you can help by indicating your position on the plan to your landlord.

#### Sign here!

signature

During the months of May, June, and July, your neighbors canvassed 645 homes in the project area to get

(1) Replace 4-way stops on Garden Street with mini-roundabouts. (2) On alternate blocks use chicanes (curb extensions with refuge islands) or (3) Chokers (curb extensions and refuge islands). (4) Stripe many streets, such as Alta Vista, Anapemu and Olive, to reduce visual width. (5) Alternate parking and use a chicane to reduce speeding on Loma and Oramas. (6) Use mini-roundabouts on Alta Vista at Sols, Victoria and Anapamu. (7) Use mini-roundabouts on Laguna at Islay, Laguna at Arrellaga, California at Grand, and other streets as needed. (8) Modify intersections on Laguna at Pedregosa and Grand

feedback from property owners. There are still some gaps in their effort, so we are following up with a mailer to assist them. If you are a property owner, you may indicate your support or opposition by checking a box below and signing here:

fold tape mail!

NECESSARY

(I own property at	).	I support the plan	I oppose the plan
property address			

Please fold, tape, and return this prepaid mailer to Dru van Hengel at P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102 or email your thoughts to the address below by September 20, 2003. You may also fax your decision to (805) 564-5467. Your Neighborhood Technical Committee believes that approval of the plan will begin the process of returning a sense of neigh-(C) Recycled Paper borhood to your streets.

> This ballot newsletter is our final contact to ascertain your support or opposition to the traffic calming plan developed by your neighbors. Please respond by September 20, 2003.





#### Recommendations

#### **Build a Better Neighborhood**

#### What's Going On?

Two upcoming opportunities to comment on the St. Francis Area Mobility Plan, including implementation of the Traffic Calming Plan.

#### November 13, 2003 Public Hearing!

Meeting: Transportation and Circulation Committee

Date: November 13, 2003

**Time:** 6:00 pm

Location: David Gephard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street,

Santa Barbara

Purpose: Public Hearing and Action Item to Recommend City Coun-

cil adoption of the St. Francis Area Mobility Plan

#### **December 9, 2003 Public Meeting!**

Meeting: Santa Barbara City Council

Date: December 9, 2003

Time: Approximate time of item will be posted at http://www.ci.santa-

barbara.ca.us/ in the "City Council Agendas" section.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers 735 Anacapa Street

Recommendation: Action Item to adopt the St. Francis Mobility Plan

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Your neighbors created a plan to address concerns about speeding and requests for more walkable streets with the assistance of the Metropolitan Transit District and the City's Fire, Community Development, Police, and Public Works Departments.

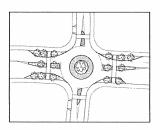


#### **Neighborhood Traffic Management Program**

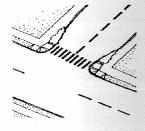
This mailing is being sent to all residents and property owners in the neighborhood roughly bounded by Anapamu, Garden, Mission, and Alameda Padre Serra Streets to announce opportunities to provide public comment to the Transportation and Circulation Committee and the City Council regarding the St. Francis Area Mobility Plan, including enforcement, education and the resident developed traffic calming plan that has been described in previous newsletters.

The first summary presentation and hearing is scheduled for November 13, 2003 before the Transportation and Circulation Committee. The second presentation will take place before City Council on December 9, 2003.

As a result of neighborhood canvassing and two mailings, the City Transportation Planning Division heard from approximately 400 property owners in the area. Eighty five percent of them indicated support for the proposed traffic calming plan. There is \$300,000 available for design and construction. Staff is recommending a phased implementation of the plan, beginning at locations where the level of support is highest. If these temporary measures reduce speeds and do not divert traffic onto adjacent street the Technical Committee of staff and residents will consider making them permanent and discuss opportunities to fully implement the plan.



Mini-traffic circles, alternate side of the street parking, curb extensions and modified intersections are some of the plan's elements.



### **Neighborhood Approval**

- Advisory based upon experience of other Cities
- Three attempts to contact property owners
- Response of 425 of 1161 property owners
- Response rate greater than 30%
  - Door to door (95% approval)
  - Mailer (90% approval)
  - Second mailer (85% approval)

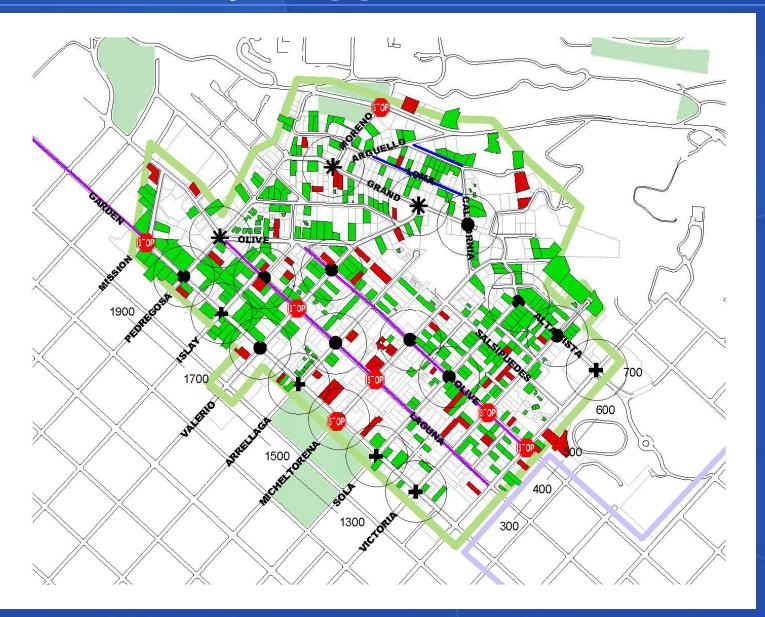
### **Public Outreach Summary**

- 7 neighborhood meetings
- 12 public newsletters (23,000 in total)
- Residents, Resident Property Owners, and Non-resident Property Owners
- Monthly updates to Transportation and Circulation Committee (TCC)

### **Plan Adoption**

- 4 follow-up newsletters
- Advisory ballot
- Two public hearings
- November 2003 Transportation and Circulation Committee (TCC) recommendation
- December 2003 Council Adoption of Mobility Plan

# **Community Support**



## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

- PROGRAM
- PROJECT

### Safe Routes to School Program

- Initiated in 2000
- City Partnership with local organizations
  - COAST
  - Santa Barbara Area PTA Safety Committee
  - Santa Barbara High School, Santa Barbara Elementary School and Hope School Districts
- Ongoing improvements in school zones
- Education, Enforcement, Encouragement
- Engineering of Capital Improvement Projects
- Strategies adopted in Pedestrian Master Plan

### **Program Material**

- COAST and the Safe Routes to School partners offer participating schools:
  - A Safe Routes to Schools Manual, forms and assistance
  - Coordination of Safety Training, Bike Rodeos, and low-cost bicycle helmet distribution at schools
  - Coordination of community wide Task Force meetings
  - Information on traffic calming and engineering improvements

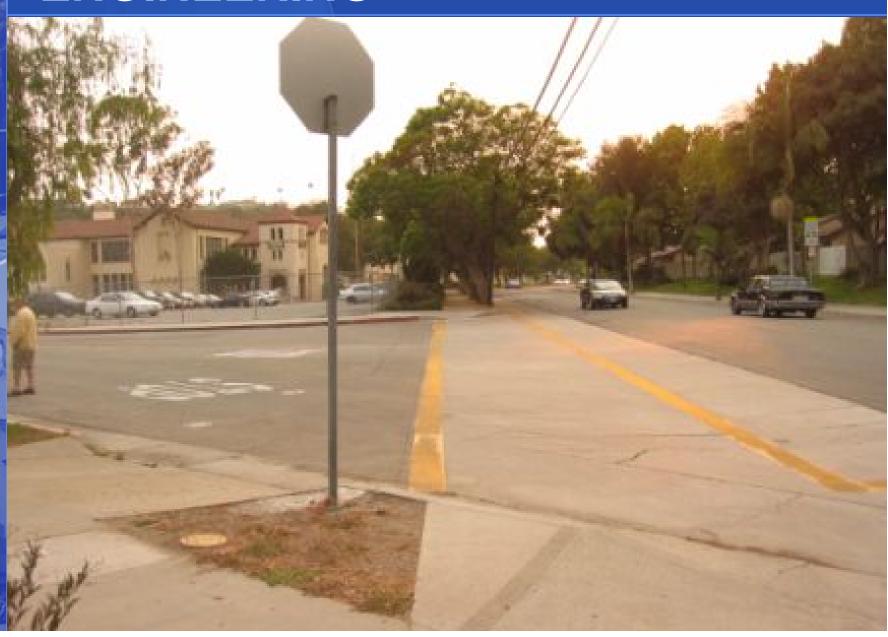
### City of Santa Barbara

- Participation consistent with Pedestrian Master Plan
- Formal partnership in ongoing efforts
  - Staff time instructing at Bike Rodeos
  - Cost sharing with other jurisdictions
  - Signage and enforcement
  - Promotional material for community events and walk/bike days
  - Ongoing applications for funding of capital improvements
  - Suggested Route to School Maps

### **ENFORCEMENT**

- Crossing Guards
- Crosswalk Enforcement
- Parking and Moving violations
- Current staffing prohibits dedicated school enforcement

- Sidewalk Infill Program includes school route criterion
- School Peak Hour bike lanes citywide
- Ongoing upgrade of signs and crosswalks in school zones
- Various operational improvements and traffic calming

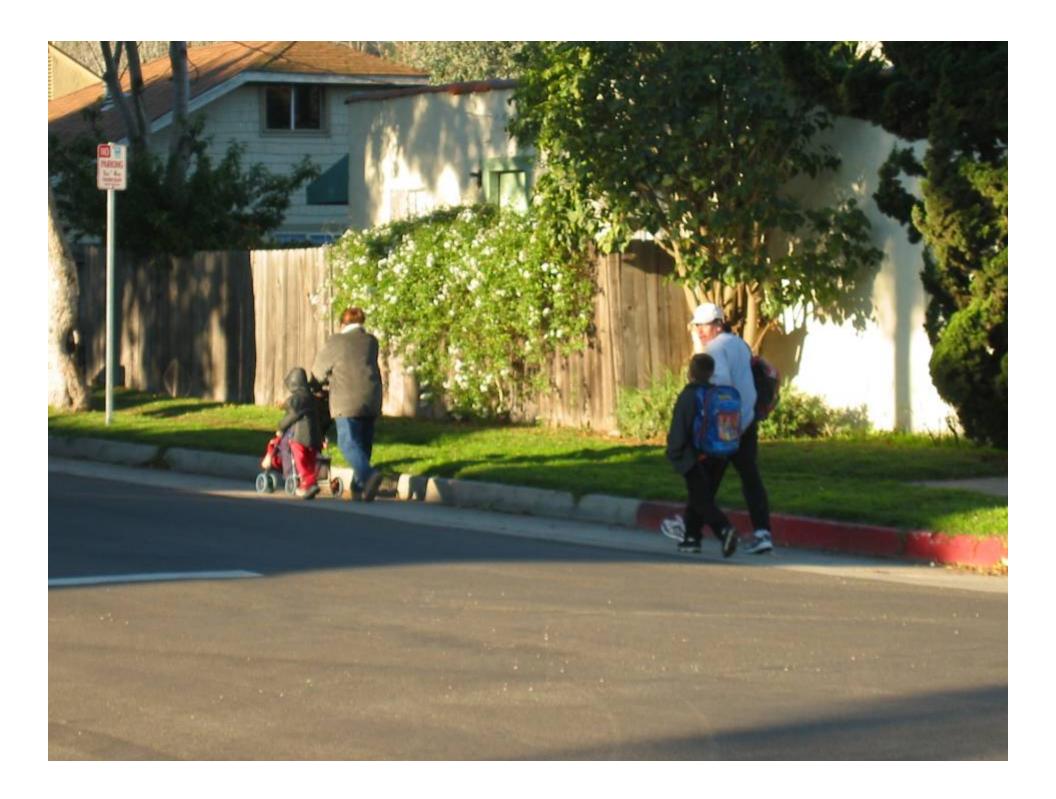


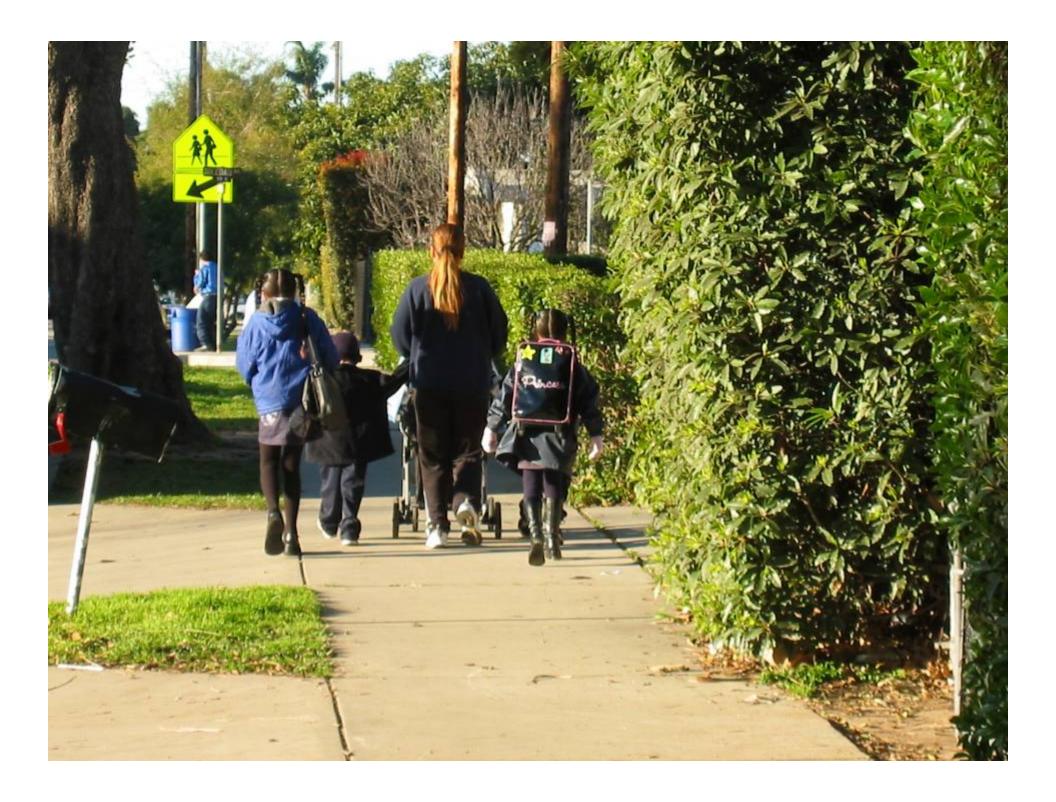




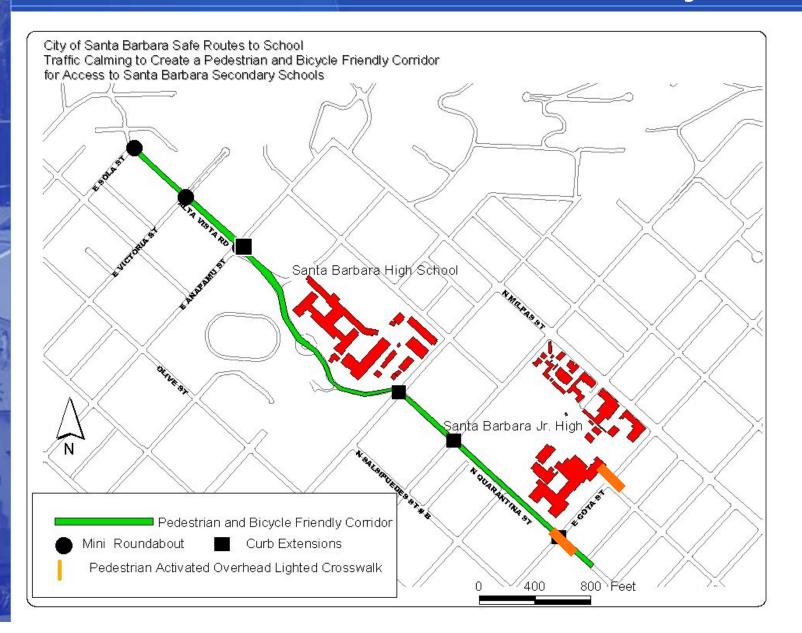
### **The Caltrans Program**

- Construction grants began in 1999
- Eligible projects
  - Sidewalks & crosswalks
  - Traffic control devices
  - Bike lanes & off-street trails
  - Traffic calming
- \$450,000 maximum per award
- Two awards of \$450,000 made to City of Santa Barbara
- Between 450 and 719 applications in each round
- Third application awarded \$900,000 in 2007





### 2003 Safe Routes to School Project



### Safe Routes to School Project

- Responsive to feedback from PTA
- Responsive to Santa Barbara School District Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee Reports
- Creates pedestrian corridor between SBHS and SBJHS
- St Francis community planning process critical to success in SR2S grant application

## Cañon Perdido at Quarantina



# Anapamu at Alta Vista



# Citywide Traffic Calming Project

- St. Francis NTMP Intersection Improvement Project
- Safe Routes to School Intersection Improvement Project

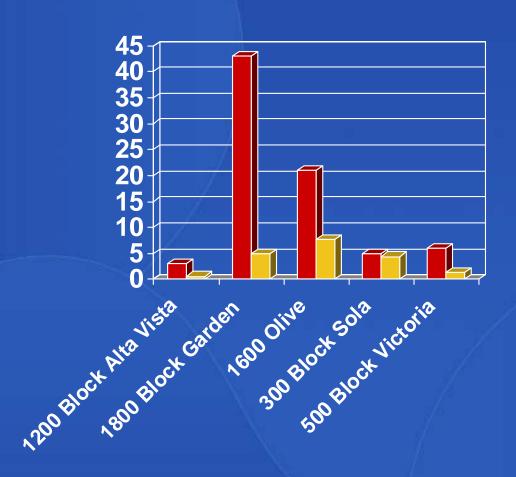
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## Implementation Experience

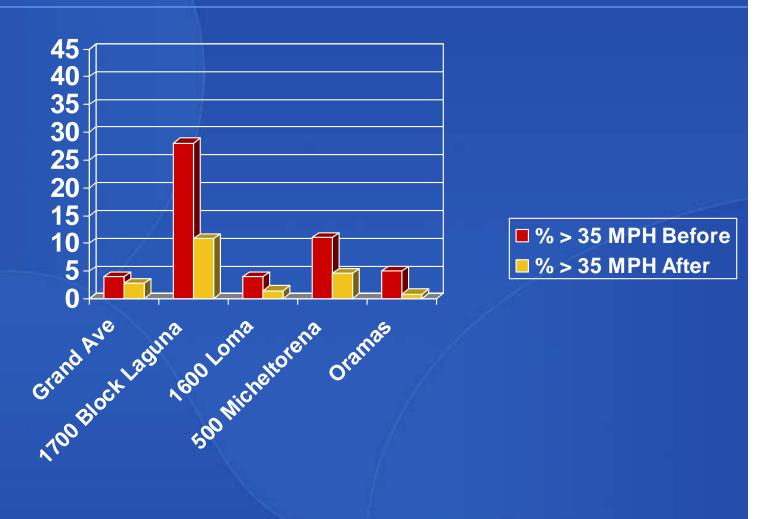
- This is the first traffic calming project of this size
- Trial installation with cones and barricades
- Simi permanent installation used as second test
- Final design for future traffic calming projects

# **Excessive Speed-Traffic Calming Intersections**

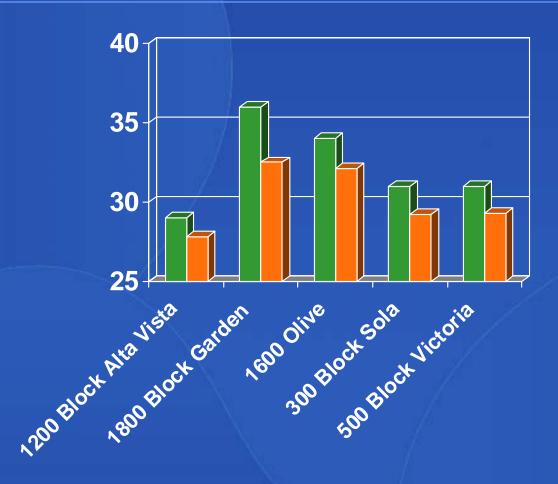


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# **Excessive Speed – Non traffic calming streets**

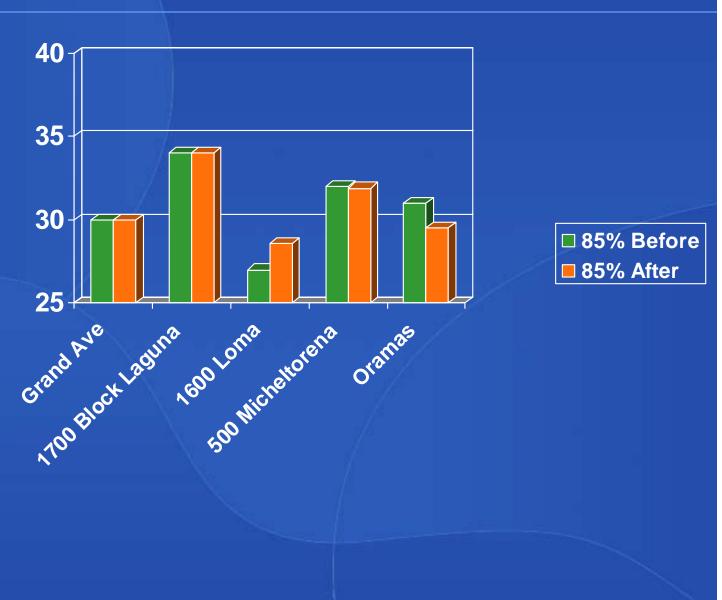


### 85% Speed-Traffic Calming Streets

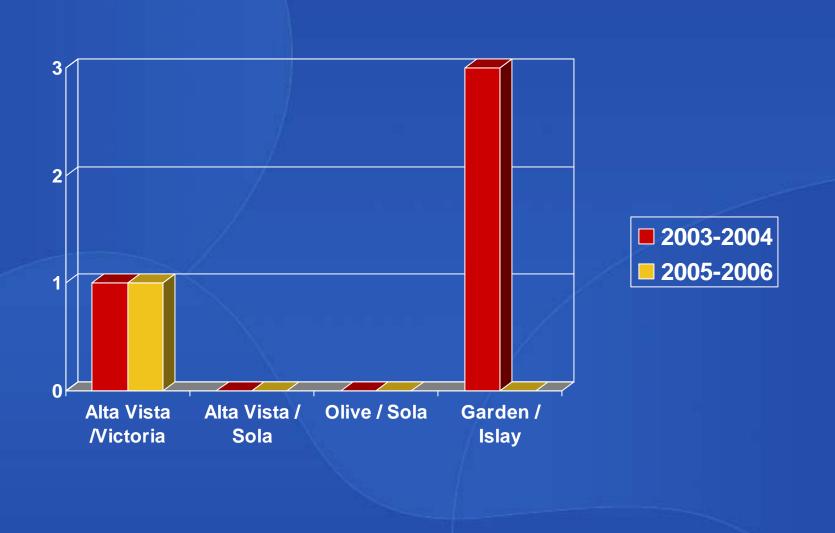


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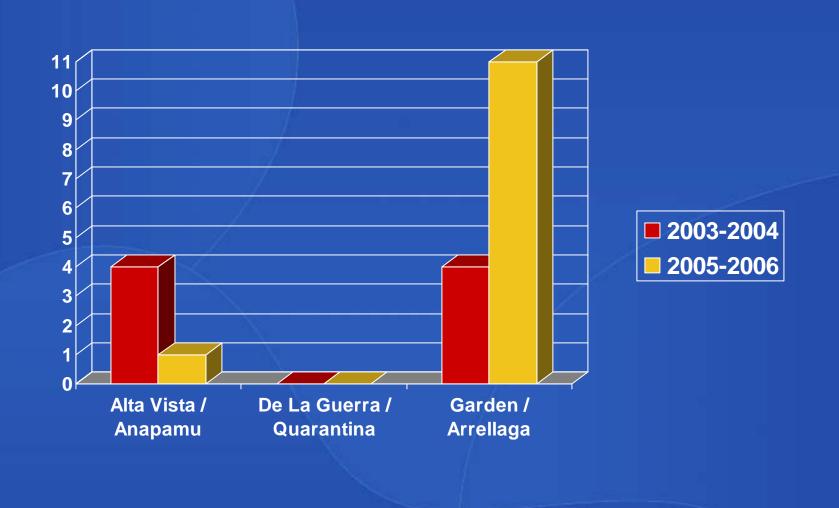
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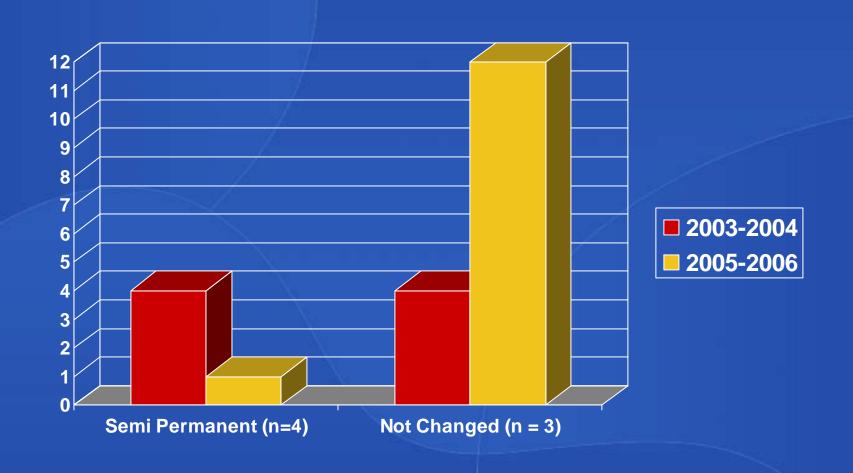
# Reported Collisions at Semi Permanent Installations



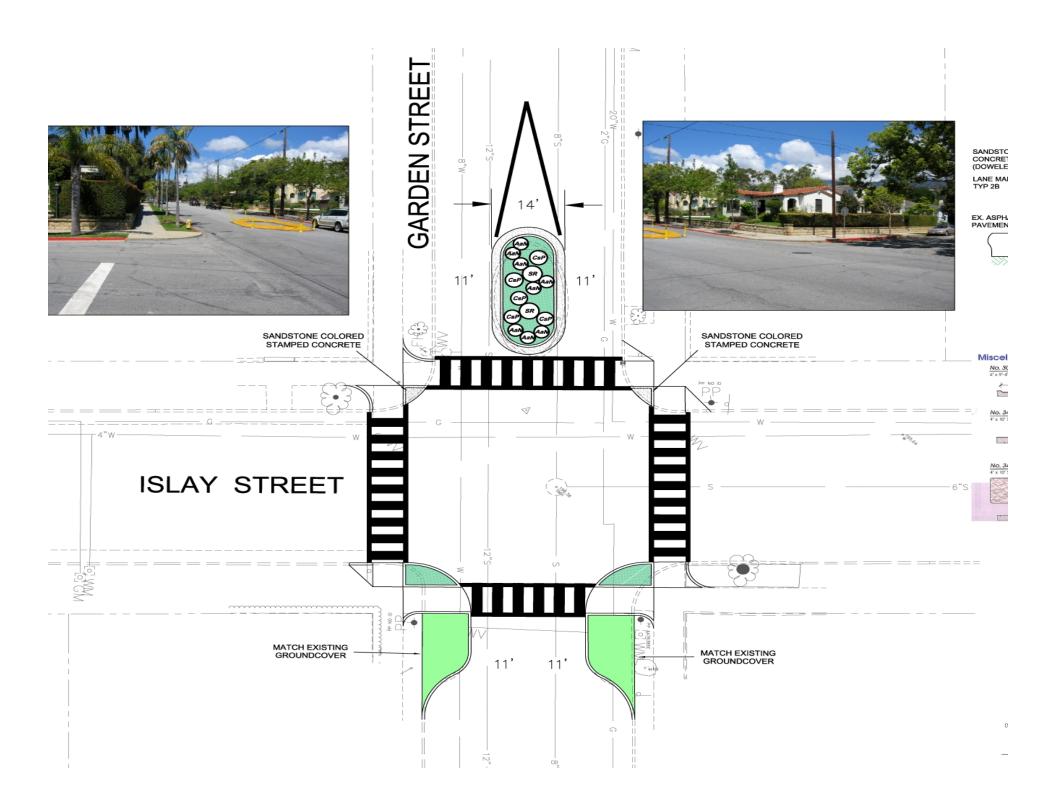
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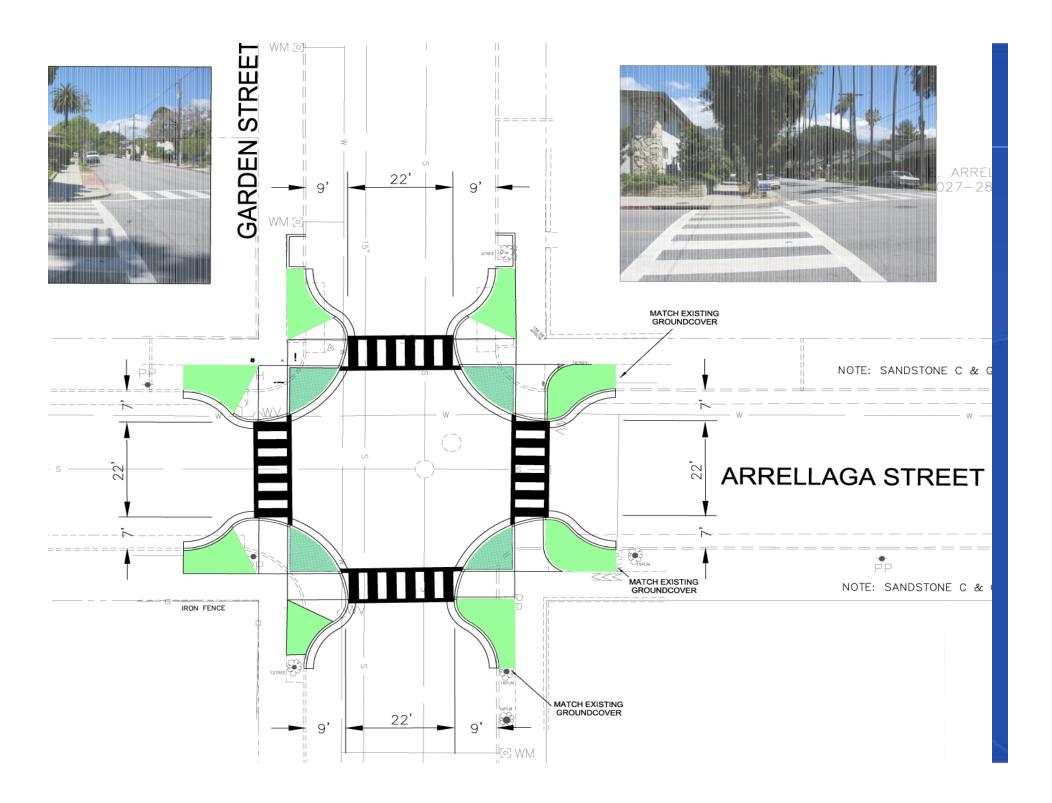


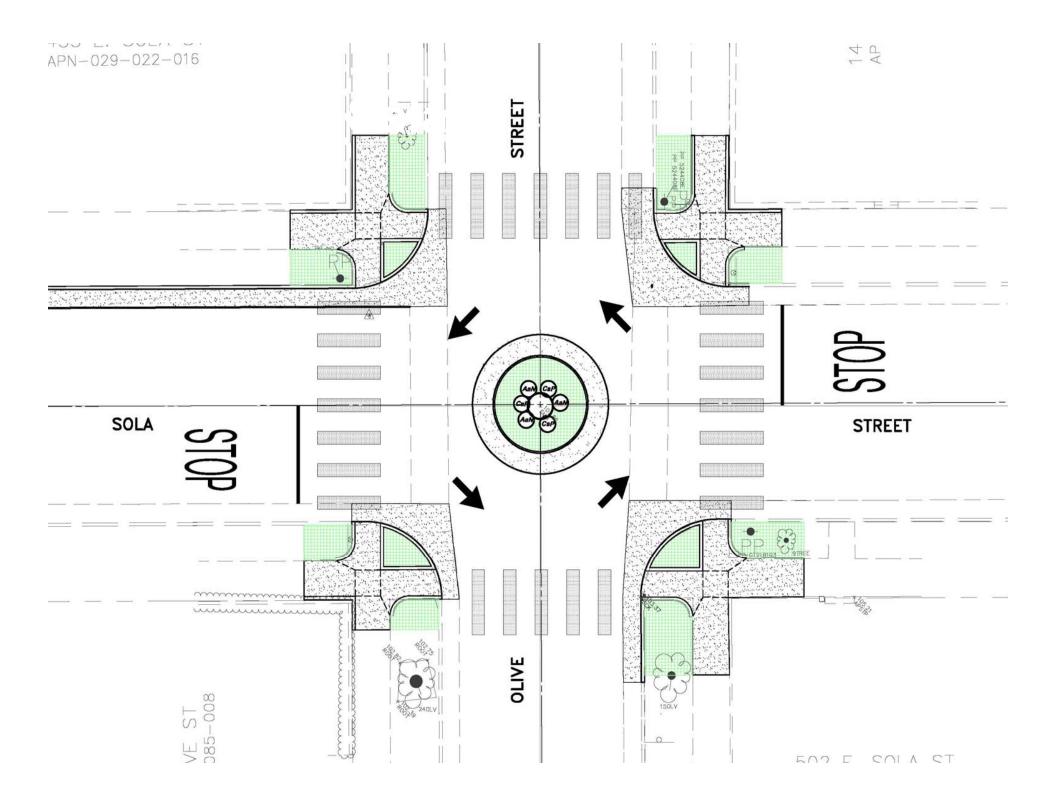
### **Reported Collisions: Summary**

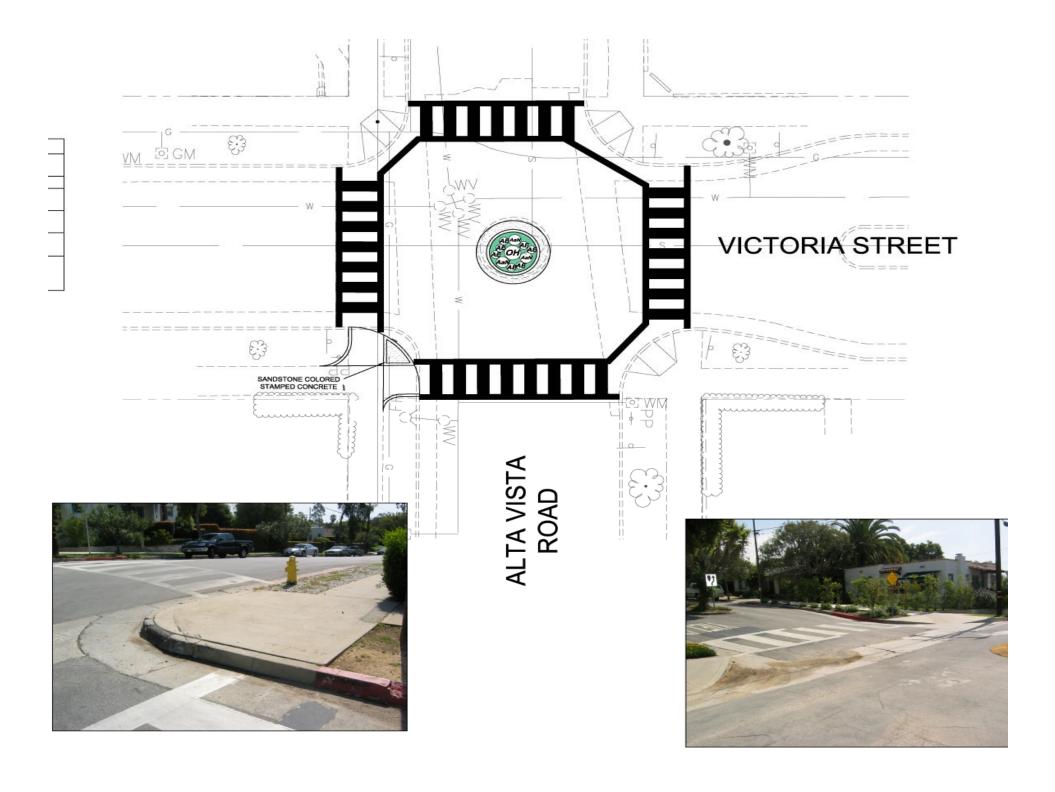


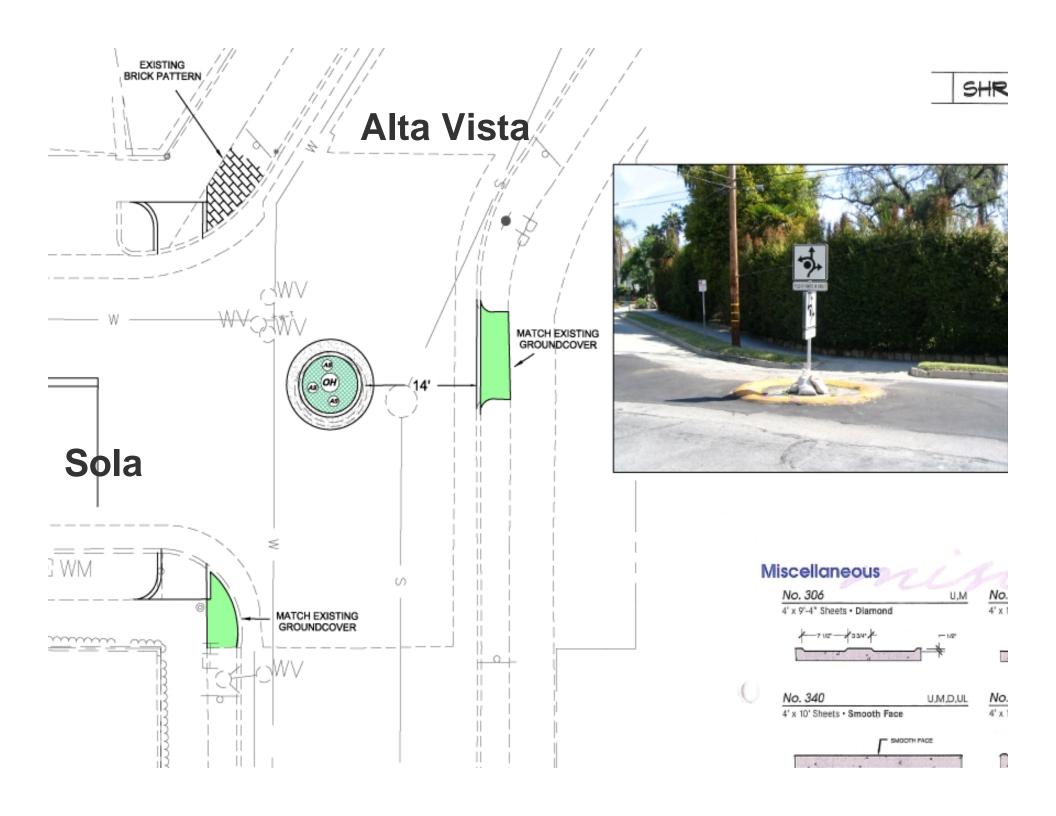
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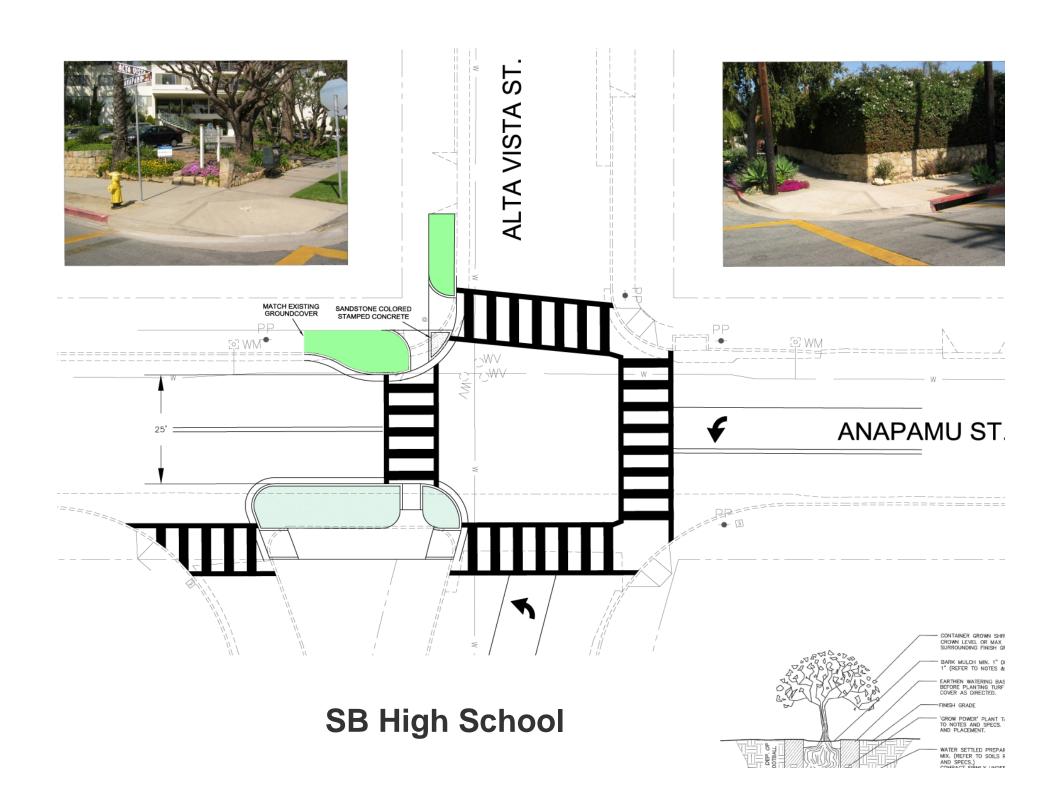


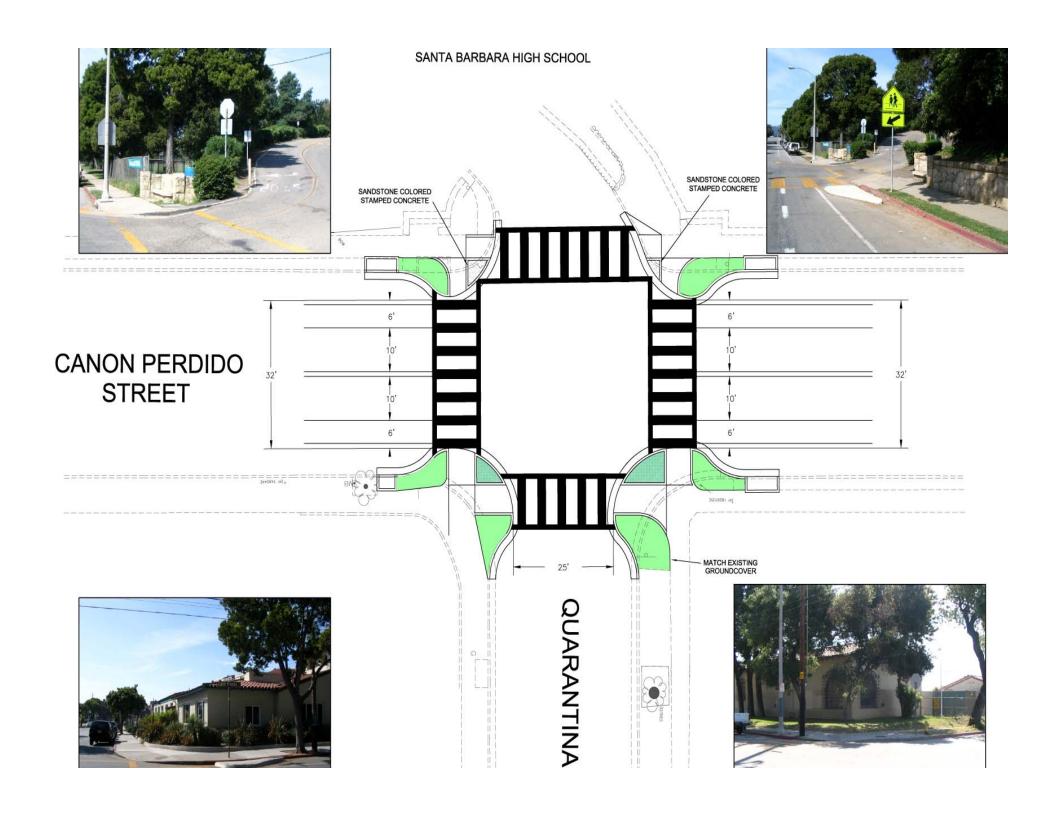












## **Summary of Project History**

- December 2003 Mobility Plan Adoption
- September 2004 Award of Safe Routes to School Grant
- Summer 2005 Installation of temporary and Semi-Permanent Devices
- Spring 2005 Update to Council
- April 2006 Council Award of Design Contract
  - 6/5/2006 First ABR submittal
  - 7/10/2006 First ABR Concept Review
  - 8/28/2006 Second ABR Concept Review
  - 12/18/2006 Design Review
  - 1/16/2007 Design Review
  - 2/5/2007 Design Review Final approval
- May 2007 ABR Appeal at Council
- Sept. 2007 Council Award of Construction Contract

### **Construction Contract Funding Summary**

Project	Basic Contract	Change Funds	Total
NTMP Project	\$279,006.00	\$27,900.00	\$306,906.00
SR2S Project	\$466,813.55	\$46,700.00	\$513,513.55
Total Recommended Authorization			\$820,419.55

### Recommendation

### That Council:

- Authorize the Public Works Director to execute contracts with Souza and Peterson Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Intersection Improvement Project and;
- Cinary Construction Co. for the construction of the Safe Routes to School Intersection Improvement Project.